

**in the united states patent and trademark office**

In re Application of: )  
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**Fredéric SGIER et al.**     ) Group Art Unit: 3733  
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Application No.: 10/766,911     ) Examiner: Shaffer, Richard R.  
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Filed: January 30, 2004         ) Confirmation No.: 4613  
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For: **VERTEBRAL ARTHRODESIS**     )  
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**DEVICE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of November 21, 2007. The item checked below is appropriate:

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$525.00 for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	35	-	24	11	x \$ 50	\$ 550.00
Indep.	3	-	2	1	x \$ 210	0
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)					+\$ 185	0
					Subtotal	\$ 550.00
					Reduction by ½ if small entity	- 275.00
					<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 275.00

A fee of \$ 275.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.

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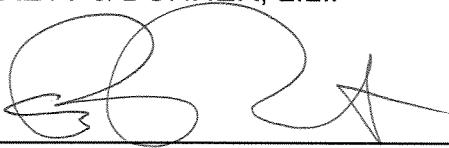
- A fee of \$ to cover is enclosed.
- Electronic payment in the amount of \$800.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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